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-- Former MP and Former Minister of Oil, Ali Ahmed Al-Baghli penned in progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas under the title "Sectarian Fire in Basra" (7/10): "What is upsetting is the constantly rising harassment of Sunnis by the Shiite militias in Basra. Shiites in that region should, as a majority, respect all minorities. If matters worsen, it will reflect negatively on neighboring countries."

-- Ghasan Suliman Al-Otaibi commented in progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas under the title "Palestine Awaits Arab Love" (7/10): "What prevents the League of Arab States from stepping into the Palestinian issue as a negotiator, rather than pursuing its current strategy consisting of releasing media bubbles? The presence of the League of Arab States as a negotiator will give the negotiations a great boost of international legitimacy because it represents a comprehensive Arab entity. Participating Arab states would have the skills and patience to aid in achieving the greatest gain, that which has been taken away in the past as a result of the weakness of the Palestinian negotiating team and the mistaken perspective on the balance of power."

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